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[ On the Front Cover ]

Naval Flight Officer (NFO) candidate Lt.j.g. Timothy "T.J." Stecker's left leg is amputated just below the knee, making him the first leg amputee to serve the Navy in an NFO status.

Photo by MC2 Todd Frantom



PENSACOLA, Fla. - AE1 Curt Metzger, from St. Petersburg, Fla., assigned to the U.S. Navy flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels, makes eye contact with his crew chief while performing the duties of a ground safety observer during a morning turns evolution.

Photo by MC3 Andrew Johnson

**THE ROLE OF AMERICA'S NAVY** involves everything from engaging in combat and warfare support, to keeping waterways safe and open for global commerce, to deterring piracy and drug trafficking. And when called upon, we readily answer the need for humanitarian assistance and disaster response anywhere, anytime. The responsibilities of America's Navy are carried out by the thousands of Sailors who work tirelessly to achieve the highest standards of excellence in hundreds of diverse career fields.

This month's *All Hands* highlights exceptional Sailors and incredible warfighting capabilities, all focused on making the world a more secure place. This is what makes America's Navy, **A GLOBAL FORCE FOR GOOD.™**



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM -  
DC1 Hector Floresdiaz demonstrates  
firefighting techniques to students  
attending the Center for Naval  
Engineering Learning Site, Pearl Harbor.

Photo by MC2 Mark Logico







ATLANTIC OCEAN - Sailors bow their heads for prayer during a burial at sea rehearsal aboard USS *Truxtun* (DDG 103).

Photo by MC3 Kevin J. Steinberg

Above—  
ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Plebes in the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2015 practice for platoon drill competition during the sixth week of Plebe Summer.

Photo by MC1 Danian Douglas

Above right—

PACIFIC OCEAN - The color guard aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) parades the colors during a burial at sea.

Photo by MC3 Chase Corbin

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - Sailors assigned to the Navy Information Operations Command, Norfolk color guard parade the colors during the Navy Cyber Forces change of command ceremony at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story.

Photo by MC1 Joshua J. Wahl







SEVEROMORSK, Russia - Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead inspects the honor guard aboard the Russian Federation Navy nuclear-powered cruiser *Pyotr Velikiy* (099) during a visit to the Russian Northern Fleet in Severomorsk, Russia.

Photo by MCC Tiffini Jones Vanderwyst



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - World War II Navy veteran Carl Creamer, a PB-5A *BUNO* 6582 dedication at Naval Air Station Jacksonville to honor all those lost aboard a PB-5 aircraft. Creamer, a former prisoner of war, was one of three survivors of a Japanese attack on a PB-5 *Catalina* assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 41 in June 1942.

Photo by MC2 Gary Granger Jr.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Newly commissioned Navy and Marine Corps officers toss their hats during the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2011 graduation and commissioning ceremony. The Class of 2011 graduated 728 ensigns and 260 Marine Corps 2nd lieutenants at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md.

Photo by MC1 Chad Runge







GROTON, Conn. - USS *New Hampshire* (SSN 778) is covered in snow at Naval Submarine Base New London.

Photo by SN Michael Henderson

Top right—  
LAGOS, Nigeria - A Nigerian sailor shouts commands as the on-scene leader of a firefighting team during a damage control drill aboard the guided-missile frigate USS *Robert G. Bradley* (FFG 49) as part of Africa Partnership Station West.

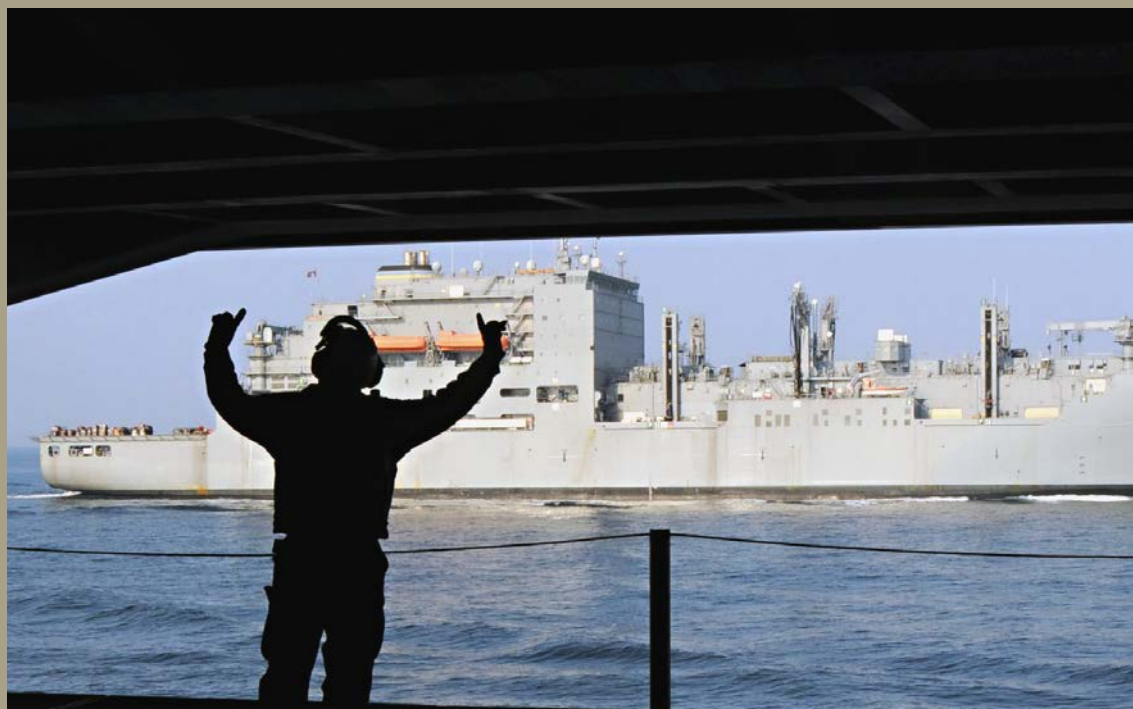
Photo by MC1 Darryl Wood

PACIFIC OCEAN - ABH2 Luis Pena, from Santa Ana, Calif., signals as an elevator rises up to the flight deck aboard USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) during a vertical replenishment-at-sea with USNS *Richard E. Byrd* (T-AKE 4).

Photo by MC3 Kyle Carlstrom

Bottom right—  
EVERETT, Wash. - Sailors aboard USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72) report to their designated muster locations in the hangar bay during an abandon ship drill.

Photo by MC3 Adam Randolph











Top—  
VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - Riverine Group 1 conducts maneuvers aboard Riverine Command Boat (RCB) within site of the amphibious transport dock ship *USS San Antonio* (LPD 17).  
Photo by MC2 Todd Frantom

PACIFIC OCEAN - AWCS Todd Yates, from Granger, Ind., looks out the cabin of an MH-60S *Sea Hawk* helicopter assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 8 during a vertical replenishment aboard *USS John C. Stennis* (CVN 74).  
Photo by MC2 Walter M. Wayman

INDIAN OCEAN - SA Brett Donaldson and SN Daniel Branham stand forward lookout watch at sunrise as *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) begins the second day of Exercise Talisman Sabre.  
Photo by MC3 Stephanie Smith











LA JULIETA, Costa Rica - USNS *Comfort* (T-AH 20) is moored alongside the *Dawn Princess* from Australia in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, during Continuing Promise 2011.

Photo by MC1 Kim Williams

Top center—

JAKARTA, Indonesia - BU1 Chris Loudon, assigned to Amphibious Construction Battalion 1, high-fives children at Ciangsana Elementary School after a television news interview about the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Indonesia 2011 engineering civic action project he's participating in. U.S. Navy Seabees and Indonesian marine engineers built a new classroom at the school.

Photo by MC2 Jessica Bidwell

Top right—

PACIFIC OCEAN - Sailors and Marines aboard USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) load humanitarian assistance supplies onto an SH-60 *Sea Hawk* helicopter assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 4.

Photo by MC3 Dylan McCord



PUERTO SAN JOSE, Guatemala - Dutch Navy Sgt. Linda Ran assists Lt. Joshua Fair, from Plymouth, Mich., during a dental procedure at the Santa Isabel medical site during Continuing Promise 2011.

Photo by MC1 Brian A. Goyak

PATTAYA, Thailand - YN2 Joel Carter, assigned to USS *George Washington* (CVN 73), plays with students at the Thung La Han School during a community service event in Pattaya.

Photo by MC1 Jennifer A. Villalovos











PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - HN Cherie Williams holds a patient at the Terminal Varroux medical site in Port-au-Prince, Haiti during Continuing Promise 2011.

Photo by MC2 Eric C. Tretter

PACIFIC OCEAN - Rear Adm. Robert Girrier, commander of Carrier Strike Group 7, explains the role of USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) in Operation *Tomodachi* to Indian naval officers of the Eastern Fleet. *Ronald Reagan* is participating in Exercise Malabar, a bilateral coordination with the Indian navy.

Photo by MC3 Kevin B. Gray

Opposite page—

PUERTO SAN JOSE, Guatemala - CE2 Michael Caturegli removes tin from a roof at Escuela Aldea Los Maguelles in Puerto San Jose, Guatemala, during Continuing Promise 2011.

Photo by MC2 Eric C. Tretter











ATLANTIC OCEAN - BM3 Carlos Melendez, assigned to USS *Nitze* (DDG 94), dons emergency safety swimming gear on a rigid-hull inflatable boat during a training exercise.  
Photo by MCSA Jesse Monford

PORT ROYAL, Jamaica - Royal Bahamas Defense Force diver Marine Seaman Verron Charlton conducts a security sweep on the bottom of a Jamaican Coast Guard vessel during joint diving operations with Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2.  
Photo by MC2 Joseph M. Buliavac







Opposite page—  
**SAN DIEGO** - A Basic Crewman Training candidate takes a breath during a conditioning swim in San Diego Bay.

Photo by MC2 Dominique M. Lasco

**GULF OF ADEN** - A visit, board, search and seizure team assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS *Anzio* (CG 68) investigates a suspected pirate skiff.

Photo by MC2 Gregory N. Juday

**VALPARAISO, Chile** - ND3 Bryan Myers, assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2, waits before stepping into the water during a joint partner subject matter exchange with the Armada de Chile.

Photo by MC2 Joseph M. Buliavac











CORONADO, Calif. - Students from the Basic Underwater Demolition/Sea, Air and Land (BUD/SEAL) participate in log physical training during the first phase of training at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado. The Navy SEALs are the maritime component of U.S. Special Operations Forces and are trained to conduct a variety of operations from the sea, air and land.

Photo by MC2 Kyle D. Gahlau







OSHIMA, Japan - Rear Adm. Jeffrey S. Jones speaks with Marines of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit about ongoing disaster relief efforts on Oshima. Marines and Sailors are on Oshima Island to help clear a harbor and assist with cleaning debris from roads and a local school in support of Operation *Tomodachi*.

Photo by MC3 Travis K. Mendoza



VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - A Sailor from Riverine Squadron 1 exchanges ideas for operations on a riverine combat boat with officers from Africa Partnership Station.

Photo by MC2 Paul D. Williams







PACIFIC OCEAN - A *Scan Eagle* unmanned aerial vehicle launches from USS *Comstock* (LSD 45).

Photo by MC2 Joseph M. Buliavac

Opposite page—

MEDITERRANEAN SEA - AW2 Jordan Orr, assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 22, checks the mount for a GAL-21 machine gun on an MH-60S *Sea Hawk* helicopter on the flight deck of USS *Kearsarge* (LHD 3) in preparation for Operation *Odyssey Dawn* missions.

Photo by MC3 Scott Pittman

SAN DIEGO - A shipyard worker pressure washes the well deck of USS *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) in preparation for resurfacing.

Photo by MC2 Christine Walker-Singh











PACIFIC OCEAN - BMCS(SW/AW) Thomas Hengel stands as a safety observer in a refueling station aboard USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) during a refueling at sea.

Photo by MC3 Travis K. Mendoza

Top left—  
KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - Rear Adm. Michael Tillotson, commander of Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, speaks with Sailors assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 26 at Kandahar Airfield. NMCB-26, a reserve component battalion based in Harrison, Mich., is deployed to Kandahar as part of Task Force Overlord.

Photo by MC1 Kenny E. Ragland

Bottom left—  
CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - Sailors assigned to Riverine Squadron 3 and marines from the Netherlands marine corps perform a right echelon maneuver in riverine assault boats during a three-week, cross-training exercise to exchange tactics and refine skills.

Photo by MC2 Paul D. Williams

ATLANTIC OCEAN - A landing craft air cushion approaches the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS *Iwo Jima* (LHD 7) during Unit Level Training Assessment Sustainment certifications.

Photo by MC2 Christine Walker-Singh











MARJAH, Afghanistan - Marines assigned to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, patrol the streets of Marjah, Afghanistan.

Photo by MC2 Kevin S. O'Brien

Top left—

PARWAN, Afghanistan - Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, left, is visiting Sailors throughout the Afghanistan region, including the detention facility in Parwan, Provincial Reconstruction Team Farah and Shindand Air Base.

Photo by MC1 N. Ross Taylor

Bottom left—

PACIFIC OCEAN - U.S. Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment disembark a Landing Craft Utility in the well deck of USS *Cleveland* (LPD 7) as they return from conducting exercises with soldiers from the 2nd Royal Australian Regiment.

Photo by MC1 Eli J. Medellin

AZUSA, Calif. - Military photojournalists practice on the firing range during the Fleet Combat Camera Group Pacific Summer Quick Shot 2011. Quick Shot is a semiannual field training exercise intended to train combat camera personnel to operate in a combat environment.

Photo by MC2 Christine Walker-Singh







GULF OF ADEN - Sailors and Marines carry a casket during a burial at sea ceremony for three U.S. Navy veterans aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS *Whidbey Island* (LSD 41).

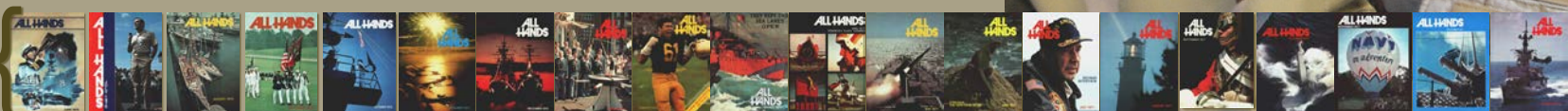
Photo by MC3 Desiree D. Green

Center right— SAN DIEGO - Sailors assigned to Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 3, and MSRON-5 arrive at Naval Air Station North Island during their return from a seven-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf.

Photo by MC3 Spencer Mickler

PEARL HARBOR - Friends and family members of Sailors aboard USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) wave as the ship enters Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a scheduled port visit. *Ronald Reagan* was returning from a seven-month deployment where they assisted with tsunami relief efforts in Japan.

Photo by MC2 Daniel Barker







NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY,  
Cuba - The American flag flies over  
Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

Photo by MC2 Kilho Park







VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - A Sailor attached to Riverine Squadron 2 Detachment 2, stands armed watch during a simulated night operation.

Photo by MC2 Todd Frantom

Top right—

ARABIAN GULF - MH-60S *Sea Hawk* helicopters assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23 transfer supplies from USNS *Bridge* (T-AOE 10) to USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) during a replenishment at sea, as USS *Higgins* (DDG 76) prepares to come alongside *Bridge*.

Photo by MC2 Josh Cassatt







A Secure All-Around Floatation Equipped boat assigned to Mobile Security Detachment Two Three (MSD-23), patrols within the surf of a Navy, nuclear-powered attack submarine.

Photo by MC2 Todd Frantom







ARABIAN GULF - AO2 Jason Cooley, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 81, lowers the wing tip of an F/A-18E *Super Hornet* aircraft to offload ordnance aboard USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70).

Photo by MCSN Timothy A. Hazel

INDIAN OCEAN - An F/A-18E *Super Hornet* assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 115 is prepared for take-off from the aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN 73).

Photo by MC2 Adam K. Thomas







SAN DIEGO - A formation of CH-53 *Super Stallion* helicopters flies past the USS *Midway* aircraft carrier museum during the Centennial of Naval Aviation Open House and Parade of Flight at Naval Air Station North Island.

Photo by MC2 Joseph M. Buliavac

Far left—

PACIFIC OCEAN - ADAN Julian Parrera, from Bogota, Colombia, cleans the canopy of an F/A-18C *Hornet* from Strike Fighter Squadron 192 aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74).

Photo by MC1 N. Ross Taylor

INDIAN OCEAN - Marines assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit drop from a CH-46 *Sea Knight* helicopter assigned to Marine Medium Squadron 163 aboard the amphibious assault ship USS *Boxer* (LHD 4) during a fast rope exercise.

Photo by MC3 Trevor Welsh



ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. - An aircraft carrier variant of the F-35C *Joint Strike Fighter* flies over Andrews Air Force Base, Md., during a Joint Service Open House. Lt. Cmdr. Eric “*Magic*” Buus piloted the aircraft. The F-35C is a fifth-generation strike fighter with stealth capability and has larger wing surfaces and reinforced landing gear for the demanding carrier environment.

Photo by MC2 Joseph M. Buliavac



PACIFIC OCEAN - Sailors adjust the rotors of an MH-60S *Sea Hawk* helicopter on the flight deck aboard USS *Cleveland* (LPD 7). *Cleveland* was the flagship for Pacific Partnership 2011, which visited Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Photo by MC2 Michael Russell

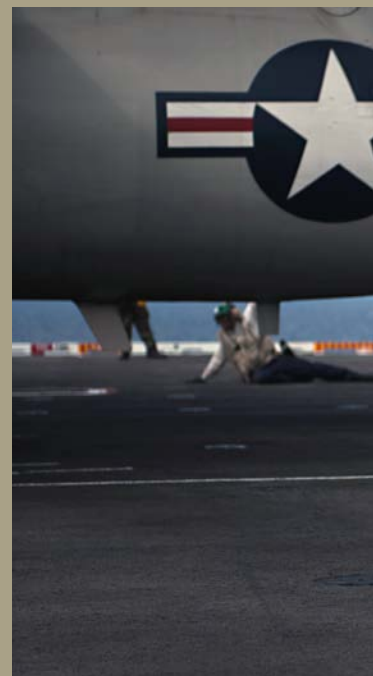






PACIFIC OCEAN - Sailors prepare to maneuver an F/A-18C *Hornet* assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 97 aboard the aircraft carrier USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74).

Photo by MC3 Benjamin Crossley







PACIFIC OCEAN - Side boys render a salute to Secretary of the Navy the Honorable Ray Mabus aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74).

Photo by MC3 Crishanda K. McCall

Center left—

ARABIAN SEA - Sailors prepare to launch an F/A-18C *Hornet* assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 15 aboard USS *George H.W. Bush* (CVN 77).

Photo by MC3 Kasey Krall

Bottom left—

PACIFIC OCEAN - AM3 Tia Squires, from Missoula, Mont., signals the approval to launch an E-2C *Hawkeye* aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74).

Photo by MC3 Benjamin Crossley

Bottom—

ARABIAN GULF - Aviation ordnancemen work on the flight deck of USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70).

Photo by MC3 Travis K. Mendoza

PACIFIC OCEAN - An F/A-18C *Hornet* assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 113 breaks the sound barrier during an air power demonstration over USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70).

Photo by MCSN Timothy A. Hazel











ARABIAN SEA - Aviation boatswain's mates (handlers) direct an E-2C *Hawkeye* aboard USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70).

Photo by MC3 Christopher K. Hwang

Far left—  
ARABIAN SEA - ABH3 Todd Brockett, left, and ABH3 Sergio Luevanos, both assigned to the air department, maneuver a forklift aboard USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70).

Photo by MC1 N. Ross Taylor

Center left—  
ATLANTIC OCEAN - MU3 Loralee Swanson practices the trombone aboard USNS *Comfort* (T-AH 20).

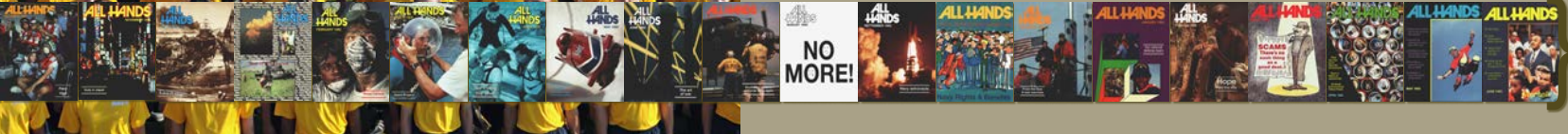
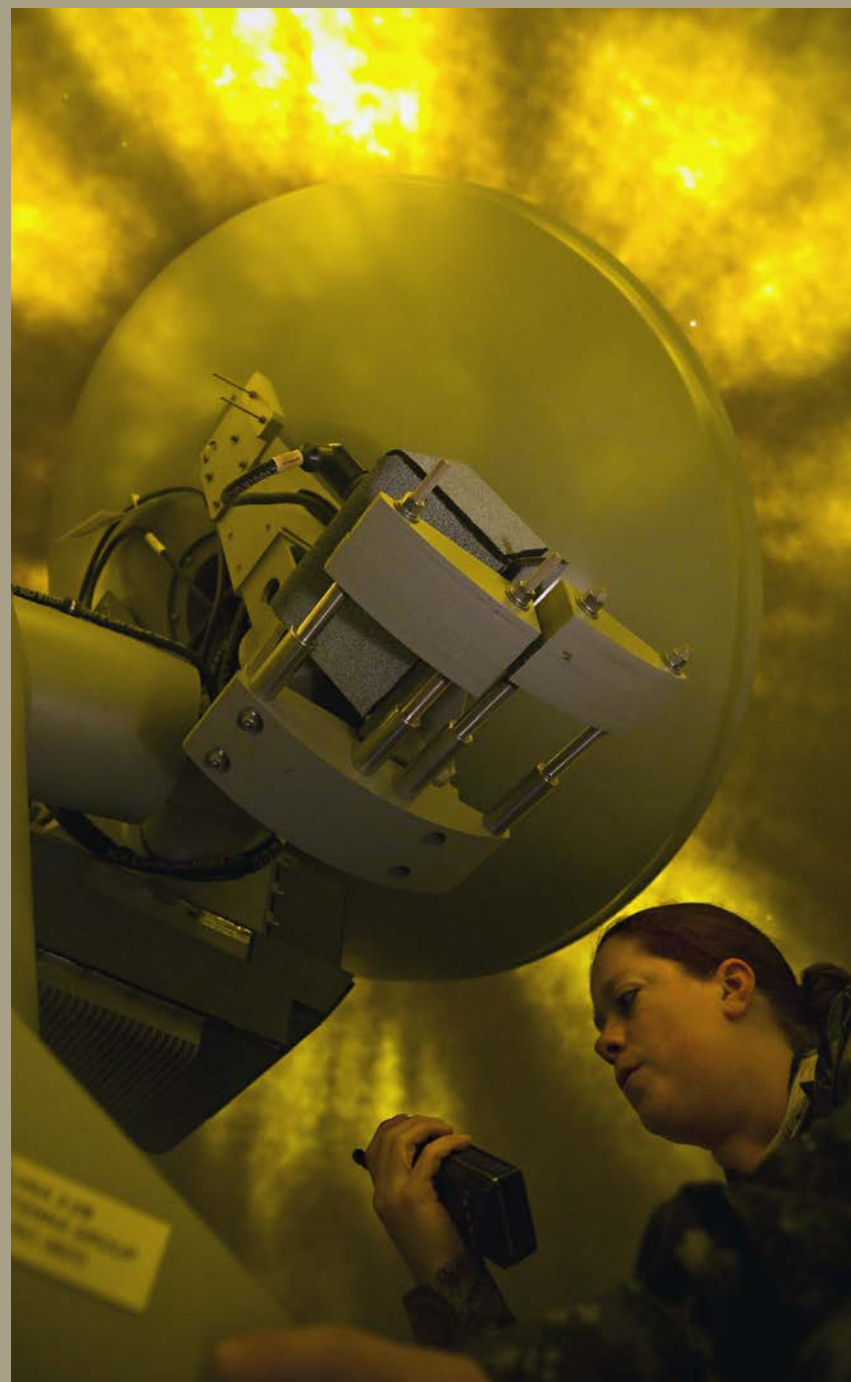
Photo by MC2 Eric C. Tretter

Bottom left—  
PENSACOLA, Fla. - Staff and students at the Center for Information Dominance Corry Station participate in morning colors during the command's sixth annual Cultural Diversity Day.

Photo by Gary Nichols

PACIFIC OCEAN - ET3 Rebecca Bell, assigned to the combat systems department aboard USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70), troubleshoots an ultra high frequency antenna.

Photo by MC3 Christopher K. Hwang











BREMERTON, Wash. - HMC Rodel Salazar, from Killeen, Texas, hugs his son aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) before getting underway.

Photo by MC1 James Kimber

Far left—  
PACIFIC OCEAN - BMSN Everett Crockett, from New Bedford, Mass., watches a refueling rig approach USS *Cowpens* (CG 63) during a replenishment at sea.

Photo by MC1 N. Ross Taylor

Center left—  
PACIFIC OCEAN - AMAN Samuel Delrosario, from Tucson, Ariz., assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 146, reaches for a wrench during routine maintenance on an F/A-18C *Hornet* in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76).

Photo by MCCS Jon E. McMillan



ATLANTIC OCEAN - Sailors assigned to USS *Whidbey Island* (LSD 41) read maintenance instructions in the ship's well deck.

Photo by MC3 Desiree D. Green

Bottom left—  
PACIFIC OCEAN - Lt. j.g. Teri Bolinsky, assigned to the aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN 73), lowers a rigid-hull inflatable boat into the ocean during a training operation. *George Washington* departed from her forward-operating port of Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka in response to the complex nature of the disaster that struck Japan March 11.

Photo by MCSN Cheng S. Yang





KINGS BAY, Ga. - MM3 Pedro Colon, assigned to the gold crew of USS *Florida* (SSGN 728), works on clamping a patch on a ruptured pipe during a damage control olympics at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

Photo by MC1 James Kimber

Below center—SAKHIR, Bahrain - Jeff Sinden, driver and co-owner of the modified Dallara IZOD IndyCar Series two-seat race car, takes a military member assigned to Commander, Task Group 56.1 on a ride during the Indy 500 Centennial Tour's stop in Bahrain. The 10-day goodwill tour brings the 100th anniversary of the Indianapolis 500 to servicemembers deployed in Europe and the Middle East.

Photo by MC1 Elisandro Diaz

GULF OF ADEN - Lance Cpl. Michael Anderson, left, and LS3 Corey Rainey practice boxing as part of their physical training routine aboard USS *Comstock* (LSD 45).

Photo by MC2 Joseph M. Buliavac







ARABIAN SEA -  
Sailors participate  
in physical training  
in the hangar bay  
of the aircraft  
carrier USS *Ronald  
Reagan* (CVN 76).  
Photo by  
MCSN Michael Feddersen

MAYPORT, Fla. -  
Sailors man the  
rails aboard USS  
*Enterprise* (CVN  
65) as it pulls into  
Naval Station  
Mayport. *Enterprise*  
stopped briefly to  
embark almost 1,500  
friends and family  
for a tiger cruise.  
Photo by MC2 Gary Granger Jr.







WESTMINSTER, Colo. - MU3 Hector Garcia and the U.S. Navy Band Northwest, Passage, perform at Westminster High School during Denver Navy Week, one of 21 Navy Weeks planned across America for 2011.

Photo by MCCS Gary Ward

Above right—

PEARL HARBOR - Lt. Donald Curran aboard USS *Paul Hamilton* (DDG 60), is greeted by his family after returning from a seven-month deployment.

Photo by MCSN Sean Furey







Right—

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - U.S. Naval Academy junior, Zach Sipe, pitches during the men's baseball home opener at Max Bishop Stadium. The Midshipmen fell to Coppin State University, 13-11, despite jumping to an 8-0 lead after two innings.

Photo by MC1 Chad Runge











ARABIAN SEA - USS *Higgins* (DDG 76)  
is underway in a lightning storm.

Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Alex T. Mabini

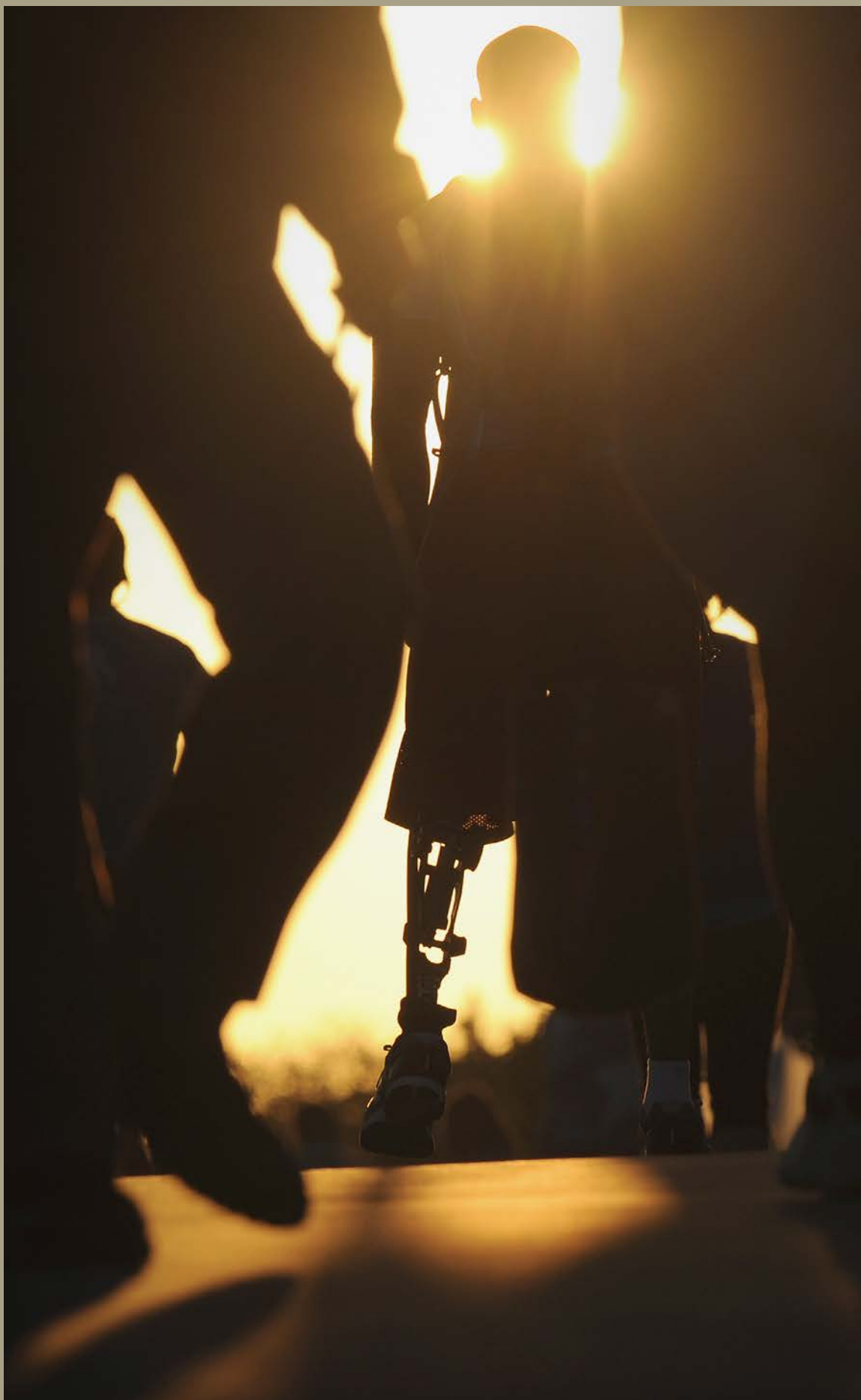






ARABIAN SEA - Sailors assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron 134 perform maintenance on an EA-6B *Prowler* aboard USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70).

Photo by MC3 Travis K. Mendoza



KEY WEST, Fla. - Adrenaline pumping, muscles aching, attention focused; all of these things run through the bodies and minds of the men and women participating in Florida's 2011 Soldier Ride. For these individuals, all of whom are wounded veterans, this day is symbolic; it's their "alive day," a term used by Soldier Ride participants to describe the moment they almost lost their life.

Photo by MC2 Todd Frantom





## Speaking With ... The Next Chapter

### Shipmates,

With this issue, and after more than 89 years of providing information to the fleet in a printed format, *All Hands* magazine will cease production as a monthly hard-copy publication. This decision did not come about easily, but is recognition of the changing ways that Sailors receive information in the modern information age. Instead, feature articles, general information pieces, as well as some of your favorite specialty sections like, “Focus on Service,” will continue to appear online at [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil).

The first “issue” of *All Hands* was printed as the *Bureau of Navigation News Bulletin No. 1* (dated Aug. 30, 1922). Twenty years later, the title was changed to *Bureau of Naval Personnel Information Bulletin*. As America claimed “Victory in Europe” on the cover of June 1945’s issue, the magazine’s new banner read, *All Hands*, and the name stuck. Marked with, “This magazine is intended for 10 readers. All should use it as soon as possible. PASS THIS COPY ALONG,” *All Hands* urged Sailors to share with their Shipmates.

The professional communicators at *All Hands* have been there to cover historic

events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, Desert Shield/Storm, the tragedy of 9/11 and operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Horn of Africa. They’ve captured the human struggle of international and domestic natural disasters such as the Indonesian tsunami that killed more than 230,000 people in 14 countries as well as the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina and the I-35W Bridge collapse in Minneapolis. Navy mass communication specialists have even provided Sailors and their family members all over the globe with laughter through comic strips.

*All Hands* has always been about the Sailor, both on and off duty. The pages of the magazine have featured surface warriors on the seven seas, and the submariners below; the soaring aviators and the rapid-responding expeditionary forces. Stories have been told about virtually every community and program in our Navy. Thousands of Sailors have been profiled and photographed and made “semi-famous” in the eyes of the magazine’s readers. *All Hands* has served to inform, educate, entertain and document.

The Navy’s history, as documented in *All Hands*, will continue to be accessible to everyone. Digitally archived issues of the magazine prior to June 2002 are available in Adobe Acrobat® format. Issues digitally archived after June 2002 are available in both Adobe Acrobat® format and the interactive Macromedia Flash® format.

Because of its popularity and utility, the *All Hands* staff currently plans to continue publishing the annual “Owners + Operators Manual” magazine in print format with the January issue.

On behalf of current and past *All Hands* magazine staff members, we thank every Sailor, family member, veteran, retiree and civilian reader who has supported the magazine throughout the years. As we move forward, we will continue to provide you with timely, essential and entertaining articles and photographs, just as we have always done. **AH**



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A large aircraft carrier, the USS Enterprise (CVN 65), is seen from a high angle, moving away from the viewer towards the horizon. The ship's wake is a prominent, bright blue trail in the dark, choppy water of the Gulf of Aden. The ship's superstructure, including its radar masts and flight deck, is clearly visible.

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Following Seas

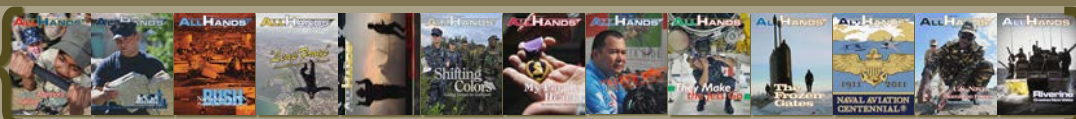
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# *All Hands Magazine*

GULF OF ADEN - USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65) transits the Gulf of Aden while conducting maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Photo by MC2 Brooks B. Patton Jr.

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